(c) the amount estimated to be produced by t'ne integrated steel plants and mini-steel plants separately; and

(d) whether Government are encouraging large mini-steel plants to come up in the private/joint sector?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) and (c) The assessed demand and estimated availability of finished steel in the country during the Eighth Five Year Plan period is shown in the Annexure. (See Appendix CXLVH, Annexure No. 83)

(b) It is proposaed to increase indigenous production by modernisation and expansion of existing integrated steel plants amd establishment of additional steel making capacities in the country.

(d) Under the existing guidelines for ferrous metallurgical industry, new steel making capacities of 50,000 tonnes per annum are permitted to be set up in certain hilly and remote areas. In addition existing steel plants who undertake modernization by improving their productivity and reducing energy consumption are allowed expansion upto a maximum capacity of 2.5 lakh tonnes.

Central assistance to flood affected people in Madhya Pradesh

1780. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the floods in Madhya Pra desh also affected a number of families in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what were the number of -people affected by the floods and to what extent the Central Aid was provided to these victims and what rehabilitation measures have been taken for them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) Government of Madhya Pradesh has not reported any damage due to floods during South-West Monsoon of 1988.

(b) Does not arise.

Indo-Briiish fertilizer Education project in M. P.

1781. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high level team of Overseas Development Administration visited Bhopal recently;

(b) whether the above visit was in connection with t'ne Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation in implementing the Indo-British Fertilizer Education Project in the State; and

(c) if so, what were the main discussions held with the high level team and to what extent it helped in implementing the Indo-British Fertilizer Project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) to" (c) Yes, Sir. A monitoring team of Overseas Development Administration visited certain districts Of Madhya Pradesh with a view of monitoring the implementation of the Indo-British Fertilizer Education Project. Rain-fed farming project also figured in the discussions. Such visits by the monitoring team and the discussions are useful for the effective implementation of the project.

Recruitment of physically handicapped in Govt, office and public sector undertaings

1782. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quota reserved for physically handicapped persons or recruitment in Government Department and public Sector Undertakings;

(b) what is the present backlog; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to ensure that all qualified disabled persons are provided jobs and that they are not discriminated in employment opportunities?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATl SUMATI ORAON): (a) 3 per cent vacancies in Group C and D posts i.e. 1 per cent each for blind, deaf and orthopaedi-cally handicapped in Central Government and comparable posts in Central Public undertakings have been reserved for physically handicapped persons. A relaxation in age requirement by ten years is also made for the handicapped.

(b) As per information furnished by Ministries/Departments and Central Pub lic Sector undertakings, the following was the backlog of reserved vacancies in Group C and D posts as on 31.12.1987:—

	VH	HH Group C	OH
Ministries'Dep-irtments/Attached and subordinate Offices	293	327 Group D	247
	214	232	97
	VH	HH Group C	OH
Central Public Sector Undertakings	993	915 Grouo D	708
	511	523	-52

(c) It is not possible for t'ne Government to ensur$_e$ that all qualified disabled persons are provided jobs in the Central Government Ministries/Departments and public Sector undertakings. Special Recruitment drive was recently undertaken for clearing the baklog of carried forward Vacancies of visual and hearing handicapped in Central Government offices in Delhi. A similar exercise is being undertaken in Central Government offices outside Delhi.

In addition to jobs in the public sector the handicapped will have to go in for self-employment ventures and vocations in the private sector.

Memorandum from Andhra Pradesh for Central Assistance for Drainage system

1783. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh had submitted a detailed memorandum to the Central Government seeking central assistance for the improvement of the drainage system in Godavari Delta area in Krishna, East Godavari and West Godavari Districts of Andhra Pradesh to relieve the anxiety of the farmers whose paddy fields have been inundated due to heavy rains and floods and to enable them to raise new paddy crops; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Central assistance to States affected by floods is provided for restoration of the flood damaged infrastructure, including irrigation and drainag$_e$ systems to their pre-flood levels only.